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Period for Reply

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2004.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Paragraph 22 – line 2, “10” should be –12--. Paragraph 29, lines 2-3 are awkward - “fastener 32, base panel 34, clamping sheet 38,” could be replaced with – base panel 34, clamping sheet 38, and—to correct the lines. Paragraph 30 – line 11, “18” should be –34--. Paragraph 30 – line 13, “18” should be –34--. Paragraph 30 – line 14, “18” should be –34--. Paragraph 31 – line 4, “18” should be –34--.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claim 1, “an instrument panel” in line 3 should be –the instrument panel—for added clarity. Additionally, “said aligned apertures defined through said base panel and the vehicle body” should be –said apertures defined through said base panel and the vehicle body when aligned—for added clarity.

Re claim 8, it is clear that claim 8 was intended to depend from claim 2 – note “said head” and “said bolt” in line 2. In line 1, “claim 1” should be amended to read – claim 2—to correct this defect.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claims 1-10 are objected to for the minor formalities noted above but are otherwise allowable.
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note at least Straesser Jr teaches an automotive vehicle instrument panel attachment assembly.

5. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:


See objections in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gordon whose telephone number is (703) 308-2556. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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